

## **PRESS NOTE**

### **WEBUILD CEO PIETRO SALINI: READY TO START WORK WITH AN EXPERT TEAM ON A PROJECT THAT WILL BE THE PRIDE OF OUR COUNTRY**

### **PROJECT IS SYMBOL OF A UNITED ITALY THAT TRANSFORMS THE COUNTRY WITH EXPERTISE AND COMMITMENT TO MAKE IT MORE COMPETITIVE**

*MILAN, August 6, 2025* – “Today, Italy has shown once again how it can come together around a mega project that will be transformative for the whole country. The decision made by CIPESS to approve the Strait of Messina Bridge project marks the start of a new season of vision, courage and confidence in the capabilities of Italian industry and the entire infrastructure sector,” said Pietro Salini, Chief Executive of Webuild, following the CIPESS approval of the project, which will have the longest suspended span in the world. The project belongs to a broader plan to improve mobility between Sicily and the rest of Italy.

“We are particularly proud to be part of the Bridge project - strongly promoted by the Ministry of Infrastructures and Transport and the Italian Government, and firmly supported by the concessionaire company Stretto di Messina – as leader of the general contractor, Eurolink, working together with the world’s best engineering talent and a vast and excellent Italian supply chain from the north to the south of the country,” said Salini. “The Bridge will bring about a great infrastructure project spread out across many work sites contemporaneously. It will stimulate growth, employment and lawfulness across southern Italy. The project will be fitted with the most advanced technologies for safety and maintenance. It will also be built according to the highest international engineering standards. It will serve as an extraordinary opportunity for the future of young people. Talented Italian engineers, managers and workers from the sector will finally have the possibility to work in their home country on one of the most challenging projects in the world”.

“With a unique expertise developed on the world’s most challenging projects, a team of 95,000 people, and a network of 17,500 suppliers, we are working on some of the biggest infrastructure projects across all continents. In Australia, works range from sustainable mobility to hydropower like Snowy 2.0, the largest committed in its kind in the country. In the United States, we are contributing to the construction of some of the biggest highways. In Saudi Arabia, we are developing a system of dams for Trojena. In Ethiopia, we are completing the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, the largest in Africa.”

“We have been at the service of the country for 120 years. Our history is linked to public works that have marked the country’s progress: high-speed railways; the “Autostrada del Sole” highway; metro lines in Rome, Milan, and Naples; hospitals, stadiums, and dams. Today, with 30 strategic projects and 18,500 people at work, we continue to strengthen Italy’s competitiveness with infrastructure such as the Brenner Base Tunnel and the high-speed railways Terzo Valico dei Giovi and Verona-Padova. In Southern Italy, we are carrying out 19 major projects that involve approximately 9,000 employees. From the high-speed railway between Naples and Bari to the Ionian highway in Calabria to the expansion of the railway between Palermo, Catania and Messina, we are investing in safety, innovation and training at schools created locally to prepare future generations for our sector.”, Salini concluded

The Bridge will be at the heart of an integrated infrastructure system: more than 40 kilometres of new roads and rail lines, three underground train stations, around ten viaducts and various tunnels, and avantgarde multifunctional centre. These complementary works will have a transformative impact on mobility in the regions that stand to benefit from large infrastructure investments. The Bridge will connect



with the railway running between Palermo, Catania and Messina in Sicily, as well as the future Salerno-Reggio Calabria high-speed/high-capacity railway.

Since Ancient Rome, bridges have served as accelerators of economic development in countries, intensifying trade and facilitating industrial development. The Webuild Group has contributed to this history, gaining a track record of 1,022 kilometres of bridges and viaducts – equal to a single bridge between Paris and Berlin. The Group has built bridges and viaducts for more than 300 road and rail projects, the first being in Italy in 1922 with the Recco Viaduct. Its long list of projects has come to include the Long Beach International Gateway in the United States.

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*Webuild is a global leader in the construction of large, complex infrastructure projects, with a focus on sustainable mobility, hydropower, water treatment, and green buildings. A recognized leader in the water sector and active in about 50 countries, the Group employs approximately 95,000 people of over 125 nationalities. It boasts nearly 120 years of experience with over 3,700 completed projects. Its track record includes 13,648 kilometres of railways, 891 kilometres of metro lines, 82,577 kilometres of roads and highways, 1,022 kilometres of bridges and viaducts, 3,462 kilometres of tunnels, and 318 dams and hydropower plants. Among its most iconic projects are the expansion of the Panama Canal, the Long Beach International Gateway bridge in California (USA), the Second Bosphorus Bridge (Turkey), the Sydney Metro Northwest skytrain viaduct and bridge (Australia), the Kingdom Centre skyscraper in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia), and metro lines in cities such as Copenhagen, Paris, Rome, Milan, Naples, Doha, Thessaloniki, and Riyadh. Ongoing projects include the New Genoa Breakwater, the Brenner Base Tunnel, the Pedemontana Lombarda Highway, Metro di Roma's Line C, the Genoa-Milan and Naples-Bari high-speed/high-capacity railways, the Palermo-Catania-Messina high-capacity railway, the Snowy 2.0 hydropower scheme in Australian and the Trojena dams in Saudi Arabia. As of December 31, 2024, the Group registered total revenues for €12 billion. As of June 30, 2025, its total order backlog stands at approximately €59 billion, with over 90% of its construction backlog related to projects linked to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Listed on the Borsa Italiana stock exchange in Milan (WBD; WBD.MI; WBD:IM), it is member of the MIB ESG index of Italian companies with best ESG practices. Headquartered in Italy, it is subject to the management and coordination of Salini Costruttori S.p.A.*

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